ILLICIUM FLORIDANUM.

Starry Anise.

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PLATE XLVIII.

THE same qualities which entitle the Liriodendron and Magnolias to a place among medicinal plants, exist abundantly in the kindred genus of Illicium. This family consists of fine, spicy, flowering shrubs, one of which, the I. anisatum, growing in Eastern Asia, derives its name from the similiarity of its flavour to that of Anise, a quality which exists, though less simple, in the subject of the present article. Another species, the I. parviflorum, a shrub with small yellowish flowers, first discovered by Michaux in the mountains of Georgia and Carolina, has so exactly the flavour of the Sassafras root, that they are not to be distinguished by the taste. The I. Floridanum forms beautiful thickets in the country bordering on the north of the Gulf of

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